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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10539

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

1. CONSOFF WAS APPROACHED NEAR HOME ON MAY 7 BY A DELEGATION OF THREE UNREGISTERED BAPTISTS ("INITSIATIVNIKI") CONCERNING A MEETING OF BAPTIST YOUTH ORGANIZERS THAT IS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY OF ROSTOV-NA-DONU BETWEEN MAY 10 AND MAY 15. ACCORDING TO THE BAPTIST REPRESENTATIVES, WHO DID NOT GIVE THEIR LAST NAMES, SEVERAL DOZEN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED FROM MOSCOW, KIEV AND LENINGRAD, AS WELL AS THE SOVIET FAR EAST.

2. THE BAPTISTS REQUESTED THAT THE USG PUBLICIZE THE MEETING OVER RADIO FREE EUROPE OR VOICE OF AMERICA TO DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH IN THE USSR AND ITS ATTRACTION TO THE YOUNG. CONSOFF REPLIED THAT HE COULD ONLY REPORT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. CONSOFF REFUSED BAPTISTS' REQUEST FOR MEETING AT MOSCOW APARTMENT ON MAY 10.

3. IT APPEARS THAT BAPTISTS HAD RECEIVED CONSOFF'S NAME
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AND ADDRESS FROM THEIR PENTECOSTAL FRIENDS. TOON

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